

# 2000 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test:

**An Assessment of Primary-Level Reading at Grade Three** 

Test Results Interpretive Guide

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# **Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test Results**

#### Introduction

This booklet is intended to help districts understand and use the results of the 2000 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test: An Assessment of Primary-Level Reading at Grade Three. From 1989 through 1995, this test was called the Third Grade Reading Test.

Three statewide reports are presented in this booklet, as are samples of the district and school reports which you have received. In each case, there is a brief description and explanation of the report.

The Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test was designed to gather three types of information:

- Reading Comprehension
- Prior Knowledge
- Reading Strategies

Although information was collected in each of the areas above, the performance standards are based only on the reading comprehension items. The information about reading strategies and prior knowledge was collected for the purpose of interpreting results on the comprehension items.

The statewide performance standards for the comprehension items on the test are based on standards that were established in July, 1998, by the State Superintendent, taking into consideration the recommendations of a statewide panel of third grade teachers and district reading specialists. Results for the 2000 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test are reported in relation to these standards as the numbers and percents of students whose scores were in the Advanced, Proficient, Basic, and Minimal proficiency levels.

Standard (r), the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test standard, requires that district performance on the comprehension items be compared to statewide performance. The reports described on pages 7, 11, 14, and 20 accomplish this purpose.

The other reports described in this guide provide information which may assist districts in understanding and interpreting their results. For example, as you compare district and school results with the state performance data, it may be helpful to refer to the relationships between the reading comprehension scores and the scores on the prior knowledge and reading strategy questions. Likewise, the other reports may include information which can be used to explain and interpret the results for your district and schools within the district.

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Note: As a result of rounding, the figures on the reports do not always total 100%

# THE 2000 WISCONSIN READING COMPREHENSION TEST: FACTS, SUGGESTIONS, AND CAVEATS

#### Features of the Test

- 1. The test has four purposes:
  - to identify the reading level of individual students with respect to statewide proficiency levels
  - to provide districts with information that will help them evaluate the effectiveness of their primary reading programs
  - to allow school districts to compare the performance of their students with state proficiency levels
  - to provide data for meeting federal and state statutory requirements with respect to student assessment
- 2. The reading passages on the test range in length from about 600 to 900 words for the nonfiction passage, and from about 1,000 to 1,500 words for each of the fiction passages. The majority of the comprehension questions are inferential.
- 3. The 2000 test consisted of three reading passages (two fiction and one nonfiction). Each passage was followed by a set of questions that measured reading comprehension. The students' test scores were based only on the reading comprehension questions. The test included 63 multiple-choice reading comprehension questions and two short-answer reading comprehension questions. The short-answer questions asked students to provide the answers, rather than selecting from given answer choices as in the multiple-choice questions. A student's response to each short-answer question on the 2000 test received three points for a correct response, two points for a partially correct response, one point for a minimal attempt, and zero points for an incorrect response. For each of the 63 multiple-choice questions answered correctly, a student received one point. A student's score for the multiple-choice questions was combined with the student's scores for the short-answer questions to produce the student's reading comprehension score for the test. The maximum possible score on the 2000 test was 69 points.
- 4. Scores on the reading strategy and prior knowledge items can be used to explain variations in the comprehension scores.
- 5. The test was developed by Wisconsin educators and MetriTech, Inc., under the direction of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the State Superintendent's Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test Advisory Committee. The steps in test development included the following: passage selection, item development, field testing, analysis of field test results, test revision, bias review, and preparation of the final test. The test was scored by MetriTech, Inc., under the direction of the DPI.

# The Performance Standards and Proficiency Levels

- 1. The performance standards are based only on the comprehension items.
- 2. The performance standards for the 2000 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test are based on standards that were established in July, 1998, by the State Superintendent, taking into consideration the recommendations of a 16-member standard-setting panel of third grade teachers and district reading specialists. Members of the panel established performance standards using their professional judgment regarding what is appropriate reading performance in four levels of proficiency for third grade students. Student performance is reported in Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced proficiency levels.

# Interpreting, Using, and Reporting Test Results

- 1. Guard against generalizing from the results of the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test to the total school or district educational program.
- 2. Performance on the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test reflects the entire K-3 instructional program, not just the third grade program/teacher.
- 3. If small numbers of students are tested, the performance of the group is affected significantly by a few high-performing or low-performing students. When small numbers of students are tested in a school or district, there may be a significant variation from one year to the next.
- 4. Be careful about reporting results by demographic groups, particularly if the numbers are small, such that individual students might be identified. Districts and schools should take appropriate steps to protect the privacy of individual students.
- 5. If significant differences exist among schools in your district, consider carefully how you will phrase your explanation to the school board and other audiences. The results on prior knowledge and reading strategies may provide information which is helpful to explain the results. Additional factors, such as the number of students tested at each school and various demographic characteristics may account for differences among schools. (Also keep in mind that there is variation among districts and schools in terms of the number and percent of S/Dis and LEP students who were not tested. The decision to test students was a district decision, based on DPI guidelines.)
- 6. The rule for Standard (r) requires the Department of Public Instruction to report each school district's test results, for the school district and for each school in the district, to the school district board.
- 7. Standard (r) does not require reporting the results for each student to the student's parent or guardian. The Parent/Guardian Reports are provided should you choose to report to the parents or guardians.
- 8. Districts must *consider* students who score in the Minimal proficiency level on the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test as *possible* candidates for remedial reading services. Standard (c) requires each school district to provide remedial reading services for pupils in grades kindergarten through four if:
  - the pupil fails to meet the reading objectives specified in the school district's reading curriculum plan;
     or
  - the pupil fails to score above the Minimal proficiency level on the Standard (r) Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test, and
    - a. the pupil's parent or guardian and a teacher agree that the pupil's test performance accurately reflects his or her reading ability, or
    - a teacher determines, based on other objective evidence of the pupil's reading comprehension, that the pupil's test performance accurately reflects his or her reading ability.

Additionally, Standard (c) requires that if fewer than 80% of the pupils score above the Minimal proficiency level, either in the district or in any school in the district, the district shall develop a written plan which includes the following:

- a. a description of how the district will provide remedial reading services,
- b. a description of how the district intends to evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to remove reading deficiencies, and
- c. an assessment of the school district or individual school's reading program.

- 9. Read the test carefully before you discuss the results with representatives of the media, members of the school board, etc. More detailed information about the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test (WRCT) may be found on the WRCT website: <a href="http://www.dpi.wi.us/dpi/oea/wrct3.html">http://www.dpi.wi.us/dpi/oea/wrct3.html</a>
- 10. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction will report statewide results on July 17, 2000. Test results are embargoed until that date. An alphabetical listing of all districts and schools within districts will be reported. This listing will show the percent of students whose scores were Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced. Also included in this listing will be the number and percent of students not tested.

#### The 2001 Test

The 2001 test will consist of new passages but will be similar in format to the test used in 2000. There will be a three-week testing period: March 5-23, 2001.

# **Statewide Reports**

The following three reports on pages 7-9 show actual statewide data with which you can compare your district performance data.

### **Proficiency Levels**

This report appears as the first page of the Comprehension Performance Report Summary by District and by School Within District. It shows which comprehension scores fall into each proficiency level: Advanced, Proficient, Basic, and Minimal. The performance standards for the 2000 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test are based on standards that were established in July, 1998, by the State Superintendent after considering the recommendations of a 16-member standard-setting panel of third grade teachers and district reading specialists. Panel members had recommended performance standards, based on their professional judgment regarding what are appropriate reading proficiency levels for third grade students. A general description of each proficiency level is shown below:

**Advanced** Distinguished in the content area. Academic achievement is beyond mastery. Test score

provides evidence of in-depth understanding in the academic content area tested.

**Proficient** Competent in the content area. Academic achievement includes mastery of the important

knowledge and skills. Test score shows evidence of skills necessary for progress in the

academic content area tested.

Basic Somewhat competent in the content area. Academic achievement includes mastery of most of

the important knowledge and skills. Test score shows evidence of at least one major flaw in

understanding the academic content area tested.

Minimal Limited achievement in the content area. Test score shows evidence of major misconceptions

or gaps in knowledge and skills tested in the academic content area.



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#### **Proficiency Levels**

Proficiency Level	Comprehension Score
Advanced	63 or more points
Proficient	from 46 through 62 points
Basic	from 28 through 45 points
Minimal	from 0 through 27 points

#### Students Not Tested

The Comprehension Performance Report Summary by District and by School Within District includes a column called "Total Number of Students Not Tested." The figures in this column represent the numbers of students not tested in each school and district.

Students were **not** tested for one of four reasons:

- 1. Absent. These students were absent during the testing period, including makeup testing sessions.
- Students with Disabilities (S/Dis). Based on DPI guidelines for testing Students with Disabilities, districts determined that the Reading Comprehension Test was inappropriate for these students.
- 3. Limited English Proficient (LEP). These students were not tested because their English language skills did not meet criterion (e), as defined under the DPI rules in the Wisconsin Code (PI 12.03(3)): "Understands and speaks English well but needs assistance in reading and writing in English to achieve at a level appropriate for his or her age or grade."
- Section 504 Disabilities (Sec. 504). Based on DPI guidelines for testing students with disabilities under Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, districts determined that the Reading Comprehension Test was inappropriate for these students.

Note: On the following pages of this report, to protect the privacy of individual students, data are not reported for districts or schools with five or fewer students enrolled in third grade. In these cases, dashes will appear in the data columns.

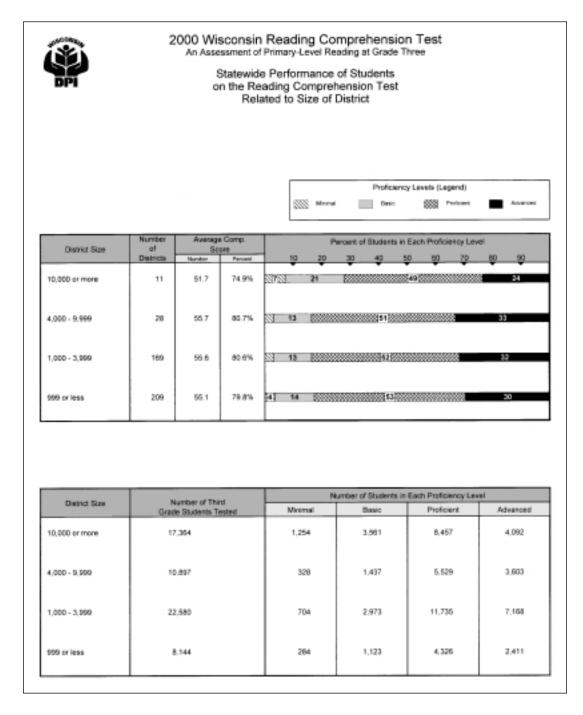
# Statewide Performance of Students on the Reading Comprehension Test Related to Size of District

Note: Districts will not receive separate copies of this report.

This report shows how students in four different district size categories performed on the test.

The first table lists the number of districts in each size category and the average comprehension score for the students. The bar graphs are shaded to show the proportion of students falling into each of the four performance categories. Percentages less than 3% are not printed on the bars.

The second table shows the number of students who were tested in each of the four district size categories and the numbers of students whose scores were in the Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced proficiency levels.



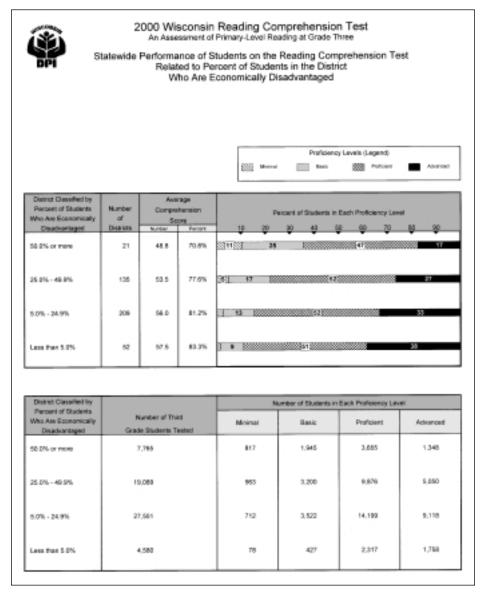
# Statewide Performance of Students on the Reading Comprehension Test Related to Percent of Students in the District Who Are Economically Disadvantaged

Note: Districts will not receive separate copies of this report.

This report shows the performance of students in districts related to the percent of children in the district who are economically disadvantaged. An "economically disadvantaged" student is a student who is a member of a household that meets the income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced-price lunch (< = 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines) under the National School Lunch Program. Districts are permitted to use their best local source of information about the economic status of individual students consistent with this DPI definition.

In the first table, districts are classified into four categories, based on the percent of children who are economically disadvantaged: 50.0% or more, 25.0-49.9%, 5.0-24.9%, and less than 5.0%. The number of districts in each category and the average comprehension score of the students are shown in the next two columns. (Note: the comprehension scores are for all students in the district, not just those who are economically disadvantaged.) The bar charts are shaded to show the proportion of students falling into each of the four proficiency levels. Percentages less than 3% are not printed on the bars.

The second table shows the number of economically disadvantaged students in each of the four categories and the numbers of students whose scores were Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced.



### **Sample District and School Reports**

The sample reports which follow are included to assist in interpreting the reports from the scoring contractor. In 2000, reports were sent to districts in two shipments. Shipment #1 included the Student Roster and Parent/Guardian reports. All other reports were included in Shipment #2.

#### **Student Roster**

The Student Roster report shows individual student performance on each part of the test. At the end of the report are averages for the district and school. (Note: This report was sent to districts in Shipment #1.)

Maximum Possible Score is the highest score that can be obtained on each part of the test.

Total Comp. (Total Comprehension) is the comprehension score of each student for the three passages.

**Prof. Level** (Proficiency Level) shows whether the student's score was Minimal, Basic, Proficient, or Advanced on the comprehension items.

The three columns under **Comprehension** show each student's comprehension score for each passage.

The three columns under **Prior Knowledge** show the number of prior knowledge items the student answered correctly for each passage.

The three columns under **Reading Strategy** show the number of reading strategy items related to each passage that the student answered correctly.

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TUDENT, SAMPLE A. TUDENT, SAMPLE B. TUDENT, SAMPLE C. TUDENT, SAMPLE D. TUDENT, SAMPLE E.	60 42 57 65 60	Advanced Basic Proficient Advanced Proficient	20 16 20 20 19	23 14 19 21 21	20 12 18 21 20	5 6 5	5 7 7 0	5 6 6 6	4 3 5 5	4 0 7 7 0	2 4 5
TUDENT, SAMPLE F. TUDENT, SAMPLE G. TUDENT, SAMPLE H. TUDENT, SAMPLE I. TUDENT, SAMPLE I.	50 59 30 59 21	Proficient Proficient Basic Proficient Minimal	15 18 9 20 9	211 222 103 211 6	17 19 11 18 4	5 6 4 6 5	4 5 4 6 5	9 4 2 6 2	4 5 5 4	7 6 4 7	5 5 2 4 2
TUDENT, SAMPLEK. TUDENT SAMPLEL. TUDENT SAMPLEN. TUDENT SAMPLEN. TUDENT SAMPLEN.	64 62 60 66 54	Advanced Proficient Proficient Advanced Proficient	22 21 18 22 28	21 22 22 23 18	27 19 29 27 18	6 6 6	0 4 4 8 4	9 9 9 9	9 4 9 9 9	11811	4 4 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9
TUDENT, SAMPLE P. TUDENT SAMPLE C. TUDENT SAMPLE R. TUDENT SAMPLE S. TUDENT SAMPLE T.	58 51 36 65 67	Proficient Proficient Basic Advanced Proficient	18 16 10 21 18	20 16 20 23 24	18 19 6 21 15	5 4 6 6 6	4 5 7 6	2 2 2 5 4	4 5 5 5 5	6 5 6 3	3 2 4 4 6
ITUDENT, SAMPLE U. ITUDENT SAMPLE W. ITUDENT SAMPLE W. ITUDENT SAMPLE X. ITUDENT SAMPLE Y.	67 62 86 33	Proficient Proficient Proficient Basic Basic	17 29 21 11 8	25 23 18 11	15 19 17 11 0	5 5 4 4	5 7 9 9	4 6 6 2 3	5 5 3 5	6 7 8 8	2 4 6 2 2
TUDENT, SAMPLE Z.	27	Basis	16	10	12	- 6	4		5	4	5
School Average District Average	S6.7 S2.3		16.8 17.5	18.5	15.8	4.9 5.1	5.4 6.7	5.8 4.4	43 42	5.9 6.0	1.7 4.0

### **Comprehension Score Frequency Distribution**

The Comprehension Score Frequency Distribution report shows the number and percent of students receiving each of the possible scores, ranging from 0 through 69 points. Also shown are the cumulative frequencies and cumulative percentages.

In the example report shown, 17 students in the district received a score of 44. This represents 1.3% of the students in the district. The Cumulative Frequency indicates the number of students in the district who received a score of 44 or less, in this case, 325. The Cumulative Percent indicates the percent of students in the district who received a score of 44 or less, in this case, 25.2%.

At the bottom of the report are descriptive statistics. The Possible High and Low Scores are given. The Obtained High Score and Obtained Low Score show the highest and lowest scores obtained by students at the school, district, and state levels. Also shown are the mean, standard deviation, and median for the school, district, and state.

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8	1	64	1.9%	100.0%	28	1,285	2.2%	99.7%	3.0%	98.7%
6	9	63	0.0%	98.4% 98.4%	38 59	1,267	2.7%	94.8%	8.1%	99.7%
ś	5	61	4.7%	95.3%	68	1.103	4.7%	90.2%	5.2%	88.4%
4	1	18	1.0%	90.6%	64	1,103	5.0%	85.6%	5.0%	81.2%
3	3 4	67 54	6.2%	89.7%	61	1,009 978	4.7% 5.1%	80.6% 75.9%	4.8%	75.9%
1	1 1	50	1.0%	78.1%	55	812	4.3%	70.8%	4.7%	66.9%
9	2	49	3.7% 4.7%	70.6%	58	857 797	43%	65.5%	4.5%	58.7%
8	2	44	3.7%	68.8%	50	739	3.9%	87.3%	3.9%	102.3%
7	3 2	42	4.7%	65.6%	38	659	2.9%	53.5%	3.7%	48.5%
6	3	29 37	4.7%	57.8%	42	851 809	2.3%	50.5% 47.2%	3.1%	41.4%
4		34	1.6%	83.7%	30	908	2.3%	43.9%	2.8%	38.3%
3 2	2 2	30 31	3.7%	51.6% 40.4%	32 21	536 504	1.6%	41.6% 39.1%	2.6%	38.5%
1	1	29	1.0%	45.3%	28	493	2.2%	37.5%	2.1%	58.6%
9	2 3	28	4.7%	43.8%	36 33	455 475	2.3%	35.3%	2.0%	28.4%
8	1 1	26 23	1.0%	35.9%	29	392	1.6%	30.4%	1.7%	24.5%
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1	0	9	8.0%	0.0%			0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
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Note: The two reports described on pages 12 and 13 are both printed on the same page in the reports provided by the scoring contractor.

## **Report of Third Grade Students Tested and Not Tested**

This report shows the number and percent of third grade students at the state, district, and school levels who were tested and not tested.



#### 2000 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test An Assessment of Primary-Level Reading at Grade Three

Report of Students Tested and Not Tested

District-School Code: 8888-8888

District Name: SAMPLE SCHOOL DIST

School Name: SAMPLE SCHOOL

State District School Number Percent Percent Number Percent Number 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% Total Students Enrolled 63,575 1.543 Students Tested 58,985 92.8% 1.289 83.5% 64 71.1% Students EXCLUDED from Testing 0.3% 5 0.3% 0 0.0% 210 Absent 6.7% Students with Disabilities 2.744 4.3% 81 5.2% 20 22.2% Limited English Proficient 1,631 2.6% 10.9% 0.0% 0.0% Section 504 (Not S/Dis) 4,590 7.2% 254 16.5% 26 28.9% Total Students Excluded

In this example report, the district had 1,543 students enrolled in the third grade. Of these students, 1,289 were tested. Of the students not tested, 5 were absent, 81 were excluded because they were Students with Disabilities and 168 were excluded because of Limited English Proficiency.

Total Students Excluded is the sum of students who were not tested for all reasons.

# Students with Disabilities and Limited English Proficient Students Tested

This report shows the number of Students with Disabilities and Limited English Proficient students for the state, district, and school. The number and percent of these students tested are also shown.

		Student	s with Dis	abilities ar Student	nd Limited s Tested	English F	Proficient			
		State			District			School		
	No. Students	No. Tested	% Tested	No. Students	No. Tested	% Tested	No. Students	No. Tested	% Tested	
Students with Disabilities	8,300	5,399	65.0%	208	121	58.2%	17	10	58.8%	
Limited English Proficient	2,713	1,001	36.9%	200	24	12.0%	28	8	28.6%	

In the above example, there are 208 third grade students in the district who were Students with Disabilities. Of this number, 121 or 58.2% were tested.

20.0%

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88.2%

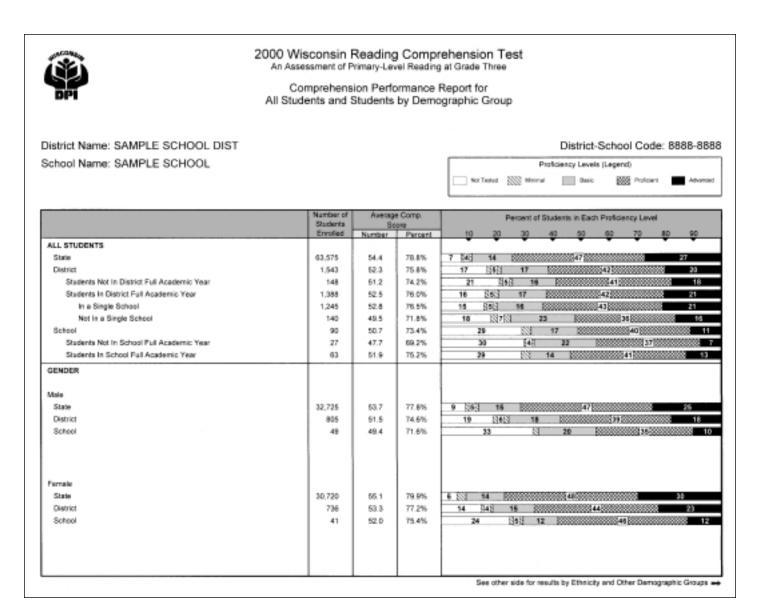
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# Comprehension Performance Report for All Students and Students by Demographic Group

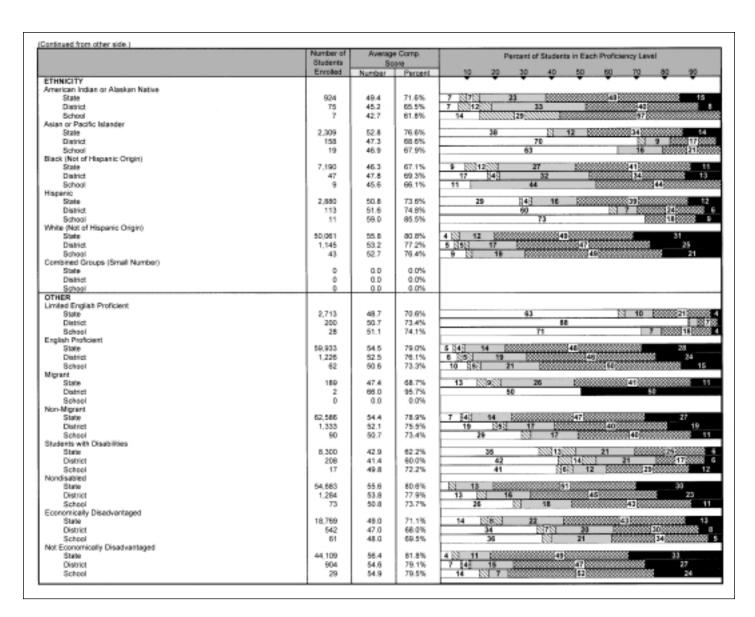
This two-sided report, shown on pages 14 and 15, summarizes comprehension scores for all students and by gender, ethnicity, and several other demographic categories. Results are shown for the state, district, and school.



The first column of numbers on this report shows the total number of all third grade students enrolled, the number of males and females enrolled, the number of students enrolled in each ethnic category, and the number of students enrolled in the other demographic categories.

The column called **Average Comp. Score** shows the average comprehension score (the number and percent of comprehension points).

The third column shows the percent of students whose scores were Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced for the state, district, and school. The three bar charts (one for the state, one for the district, and one for the school) are shaded to show the proportion of students falling into each of the four performance categories (Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced). The numbers printed on the bars are the percentages of students falling into the particular category. Percentages less than 3% are not printed on the bars.



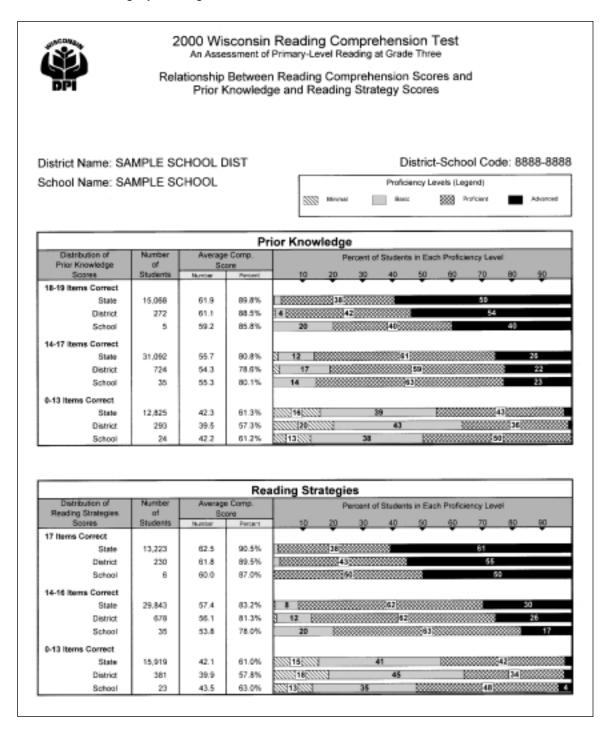
Note: Districts should avoid reporting data for small groups of students in such a way that individual students might be identified.

# Relationship Between Reading Comprehension Scores and Prior Knowledge and Reading Strategy Scores

The purpose of this report is to show how students' reading comprehension scores relate to students' scores on the prior knowledge and reading strategy questions. The report also allows for a comparison of district and school results with the state results.

For each of the charts below, statewide frequency distributions of students' scores in prior knowledge and reading strategies for all three passages were divided into three categories.

In the example shown, at the state level, 15,068 of the students' prior knowledge scores fell into the top category. These students averaged 89.8% correct on the comprehension items. Conversely, the 12,825 students in the bottom category averaged 61.3% correct on the test.



Note: The two reports described on pages 17 and 18 are printed on the same page in the reports provided by the scoring contractor.

# Relationship Between Reading Comprehension Scores and Prior Knowledge Scores for Each Passage

The purpose of this report is to show how students' responses to the prior knowledge questions for each passage relate to the students' reading comprehension scores.

The prior knowledge scores for each of the three passages on the test are broken into three categories. These categories are based on the number of prior knowledge questions that students throughout the state answered correctly.

For Passage 1, the number of students at the state, district, and school levels falling into each of three prior knowledge categories is shown. Students in the top category answered all six of the prior knowledge items correctly. In the example district shown, 676 students answered six items correctly; these students averaged 84.4% correct on the passage. In contrast, the 302 students in the district who answered 0-4 of the prior knowledge questions correctly averaged 59.2% correct.

The figures for Passages 2 and 3 are interpreted similarly. There were seven prior knowledge items for Passage 2 and six prior knowledge items for Passage 3.



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School Name: SAMPLE SCHOOL

### Relationship Between Reading Comprehension Scores and Prior Knowledge Scores for Each Passage

Passa	ge 1		Passa	ge 2		Passa	ge 3	
Distribution of Prior Knowledge Scores	Number of Students	Average Comp. Score	Distribution of Prior Knowledge Scores	Number of Students	Average Comp. Score	Distribution of Prior Knowledge Scores	Number of Students	Average Comp. Score
6 Items Correct			7 Items Correct			6 Items Correct		
State	32,177	86.0%	State	16,632	86.2%	State	15,284	87.89
District	676	84.4%	District	293	84.2%	District	284	85.61
School	21	79.4%	School	12	76.8%	School	5	80.31
5 Items Correct			6 Items Correct			5 Items Correct		
State	13,130	77.1%	State	21,770	81.8%	State	17,534	82.45
District	311	73.4%	District	520	79.6%	District	409	80.95
School	24	74.8%	School	22	80.4%	School	18	83.75
0-4 Items Correct			0-5 Items Correct			0-4 Items Correct		
State	13,678	63.5%	State	20,583	69.7%	State	26,167	71.2
District	302	59.2%	District	476	66.6%	District	596	67.7
School	19	65.2%	School	30	67.0%	School	41	68.1

# Relationship Between Reading Comprehension Scores and Reading Strategy Scores for Each Passage

The purpose of this report is to show how students' responses to the reading strategy questions relate to the students' reading comprehension scores.

The reading strategy scores for each of the passages on the test are broken into three categories. These categories are based on the number of reading strategy questions that students throughout the state answered correctly.

For the first passage, the number of students at the state, district, and school levels falling into each of three categories is shown. Students in the top category correctly answered five of the reading strategy items for Passage 1. In the example district shown, 632 students answered five items correctly; these students' average comprehension score on the passage was 83.4% correct. The 241 students who answered 0-3 items correctly had an average comprehension score on the passage of 57.1% correct.

The figures for Passages 2 and 3 are interpreted similarly. There were seven strategy items for Passage 2 and five strategy items for Passage 3.

### Relationship Between Reading Comprehension Scores and Reading Strategy Scores for Each Passage

Passa	ge 1		Passa	ge 2		Passa	ge 3	
Distribution of Strategy Scores	Number of Students	Average Comp. Score	Distribution of Strategy Scores	Number of Students	Average Comp. Score	Distribution of Strategy Scores	Number of Students	Average Comp. Score
5 Items Correct			7 Items Correct			5 Items Correct		
State	31,766	85.6%	State	29,545	86.6%	State	27,295	86.9%
District	632	83.4%	District	613	85.1%	District	559	84.9%
School	34	76.8%	School	28	81.6%	School	17	80.7%
4 Items Correct			6 Items Correct			4 Items Correct		
State	17,385	77.6%	State	15,647	78.9%	State	16,630	79.29
District	416	75.2%	District	360	75.4%	District	360	76.99
School	20	72.8%	School	18	75.5%	School	26	76.49
0-3 Items Correct			0-5 Items Correct			0-3 Items Correct		
State	9,834	59.2%	State	13,793	62.0%	State	15,060	63.69
District	241	57.1%	District	316	58.5%	District	370	61.29
School	10	63.2%	School	18	58.7%	School	21	63.89

### Parent/Guardian Report

Districts receive one Parent/Guardian Report for each child who was tested. *Districts are not required by Standard (r) to report each child's results to the parent(s) or guardian(s).* However, districts may wish to do so. For this reason, reports for each child were provided in Shipment #1.



Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction John T. Benson, State Superintendent

#### 2000 WISCONSIN READING COMPREHENSION TEST

An Assessment of Primary-Level Reading at Grade Three

### Parent/Guardian Report

District Name: SAMPLE SCHOOL DIST

School Name: SAMPLE SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Guardian of SAMPLE C. STUDENT:

This is your copy of the 2000 Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test results for your child. This test was developed by the Department of Public Instruction's Office of Educational Accountability and a committee of Wisconsin educators. The test was administered to all third grades students in Wisconsin in the spring of 2000. Students were given three passages to read. The material was typical of what third graders read in school. Each passage was followed by a set of questions measuring reading comprehension. Following are the test results for your child:

#### **TEST RESULTS**

Comprehension

Score

57

Highest Possible Comprehension

Score on the Test for the Student

The State of Wisconsin, Department of Public Instruction, using a committee of teachers and reading specialists, has established proficiency levels based on the comprehension questions. Four categories of scores were identified:

Proficiency Level Score Range

Advanced = 63 or more points

Proficient = from 46 through 62 points Basic = from 28 through 45 points Minimal = from 0 through 27 points

On this test, your child's score was in the Proficient level.

#### Parents/Guardians Can Help Their Children Become Better Readers:

Your child's reading activities in school and away from school are all important. Encouraging your child to read for fun, reading aloud to your child, and having your child read aloud to you or someone else are practices that have been shown to help children become successful readers. Successful readers should be able to read a variety of fiction and nonfiction materials. Your librarian can help you and your child select appropriate books and magazines. You may also want to talk to your child's teacher about your child's reading progress.

#### For More Information:

You can find out more about this test by contacting your child's teacher, principal, or your school district administrator.

Under the heading called Test Results, is shown the comprehension score for the student. Also shown is the highest possible score.

A student's score is classified into one of four levels of proficiency: Advanced, Proficient, Basic, or Minimal. For example, a student must have a comprehension score of 63 or more to score in the Advanced level. The performance of a student who received a score of 46 through 62 is in the Proficient level. A score of 28 through 45 is in the Basic level, and a score of 0-27 is in the Minimal level.

# Comprehension Performance Report Summary by District and by School Within District

This report is an alphabetical listing of all Wisconsin school districts and schools within each district showing the numbers and percents of students whose scores were in the Minimal, Basic, Proficient, and Advanced proficiency levels. Also shown for each district and school are the number of third grade students enrolled and the number and percent of students not tested. In schools or districts in which the number of third grade students enrolled is five or fewer, results are not presented in order to protect the privacy of those students. In these cases, dashes appear in the data columns.



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Comprehension Performance Report Summary by District and by School Within District

District		Number	Stud	ents				Students				
School Code	District/School Name	Students		ested	Mini	mai	Ba	sic	Prof	cient.	Adva	becom
		Enrolled	No.	%	No.	.%	No.	- %	No.	%	No.	- 55
	STATEWIDE (ALL DISTRICTS/SCHOOLS)	63,575	4,590	7.2%	2,570	4.0%	9,094	14.3%	30,047	47.3%	17,274	27.2
0007 0007-0020	Abbotsford Soh Dist Abbotsford El	44 41	5 5	11.4% 11.4%	1	2.3% 2.3%	5 5	11.4% 11.4%	18 18	40.9% 40.9%	15 15	34.1 34.1
0014 0014-0130 0014-030 0014-0140 0014-0180 0014-0200	Adams-Friendship Area Sch Diet Adams-Friendship El Castle Rock El Orand Marsh El Pine Land El Roche A Cri El	153 81 26 19 11 18	13 9 3 0 0	8.5% 11.1% 11.5% 0.0% 0.0% 6.3%	8 2 1 3 0 0	3.9% 2.5% 3.8% 15.8% 0.0% 0.0%	23 12 4 5 2 0	15.0% 14.8% 15.4% 26.3% 18.2% 0.0%	78 42 16 8 7 6	51.0% 51.9% 61.5% 42.1% 63.6% 31.3%	33 16 2 3 2 10	21.4 19.5 7.3 15.4 18.3 62.5
0063 0063-0020	Albany Suh Dist Albany El	45 45	1	2.2%	:	0.0%	7 7	15.6% 15.6%	25 25	55.6% 55.6%	12 12	26.2 26.2
0070 0070-0020	Algoma Sch Dist Algoma El	34 34	2 2	5.9% 5.9%	:	0.0%	7	29.6% 20.6%	19 19	56.9% 55.9%	6 6	17.6 17.6
0091 0091-0080	Alma Center Sch Dist Lincoln El	62 62	1	6.5% 6.5%	2 2	3.2% 3.2%	10 10	16.1% 16.1%	32 32	51.6% 51.6%	14 14	22 22
0084 0084-0020	Alma Sch Diat Alma El	28 28	0	0.0%	1	3.6% 3.6%	1	3.6%	16 16	57.1% 57.1%	10 10	35. 35.
0105 0105-0020	Almond Bancroft Sch Dist Almond El	38 38	2 2	5.3% 5.3%		0.0% 0.0%	3	7.9% 7.9%	20 20	52.6% 52.6%	13 13	34. 34.
0112 0112-0080	Altoona Sch Dist Pedemen El	107 107	1	0.9%	2 2	1.9% 1.9%	7	6.6% 6.5%	<b>58</b> 58	64.2% 54.2%	39 39	36. 36.
0119 0119-0020	Amery Soh Dist Lien El	119 119	12 12	10.1% 10.1%	;	0.8% 0.8%	1	3.4%	52 52	43.7% 43.7%	50 50	42 42
0140-0220 0140-0230 0140-0380 0140-0100 0140-0140 0140-0160 0140-0200 0140-0200 0140-0200 0140-0280 0140-0280	Antigo Sch Diet Antwa El Crestwood El East El Lity El Mutbon El North El Pleasant View El River Grove El Spring Valley El West El Appleton Area Sch Dist	193 8 21 26 5 13 28 17 21 19 35	7 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 3 181	3.6% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 10.7% 0.0% 5.3% 8.6%	2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 29	1.8% 0.0% 0.0% 3.8% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 2.9%	25 1 7 0 2 6 3 1 4	13.0% 12.5% 4.8% 26.9% 7.1% 35.3% 14.3% 5.3% 11.4%	187 6 13 14 - 7 16 5 13 11 18 426	55.4% 75.0% 51.9% 53.8% 57.1% 35.3% 61.9% 57.9% 51.4%	62 1 7 4  6 7 5 6 9 325	28.1 12.1 33.1 15.4 46.2 25.1 29.2 23.1 31.1 25.3 30.7
0147-0060 0147-0110	Badger El Classical Charter Sch	43 25	4 0	9.3% 0.0%	2	4.7%	1	2.3% 4.0%	20	46.5% 12.0%	16 20	37. 80.

### **Item Analysis**

This report shows district-level numbers and percents of students selecting each answer choice for each test question. Note that the sample questions (1, 2, 9, 10, and 11) are not included. Questions 69 and 101 were short-answer questions. For these questions, the number and percent of students receiving a score of "0" are indicated in column "A", column "B" shows the number and percent of students receiving a score of "1", column "C" shows the number and percent of students receiving a score of "2", and column "D" shows the number and percent of students receiving a score of "3".



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Item Analysis

District Name: SAMPLE SCHOOL DIST

District-School Code: 8888-0000

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Item		No.	14	No.	96	No.	96	No.	16	No.	%	te	m	No.	%	No.	- %	No.	96	No.	-96	No.	%
Prior Knowledge	3 4 6 6 7 8	12 60 1,089 34 1,031 157	89% 53% 86.3% 25% 96.5%	25 67 127 1,125 110 984	1.8% 5.2% 8.8% 67.3% 8.5% 74.8%	1,251 1,150 62 129 166 177	97.1% 98.4% 4.8% 18.0% 11.3% 13.7%			3 1 1 2 1	0.2% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.2%	-tot	57 58 59 50 61 62	175 200 1,110 150 66 1,810	13.6% 15.5% 86.1%,* 11.6% 5.1% 76.4%,* 2.5%	77 891 108 748 88 108 1,132	5.0% 69.1%* 52% 56.0%* 6.2% 5.4%	903 43 20 275 83 60	76.9%* 3.3% 1.8% 21.3% 4.7% 4.7%	124 143 36 184 1,070 95	9.6% 11.7% 2.8% 8.7% 82.6% 7.4%	10 12 17 12 14 16	0.8% 0.9% 1.3% 0.9% 1.1% 1.2%
	12 13 14 18 16 17	17 7 1,180 58 1,180 61	1.3% 0.5% 91.9% 4.5% 91.5% 4.7%	23 1,175 57 116 26 296 840	1.8% 91.2%* 4.4% 9.5% 2.5% 16.5%	1,297 77 24 1,089 54 170	18.0% 1.8% 1.8% 52.2% 4.2% 13.2%	12 30 26 54 20 848	0.9% 2.0% 2.0% 4.2% 2.2% 88.8%	0 0 2 2 1 4	0.0% 0.0% 0.2% 0.1% 0.3%	Compre henson henson		45 60 90 59 114 1,857 133	4.7% 7.0% 4.6% 8.6% 82.0% 10.3%	63 58 128 747 43 171	97.8%* 4.1% 4.3% 9.8% 58.0%* 3.3% 13.3%	70 176 1,040 27 82 116 685	5.4% 13.7% 60.7% 2.1% 6.4% 9.0% 83.1%	31 988 90 1,083 334 54 380	2.4% 78.6% 7.0% 82.5% 25.9% 4.2% 23.3%	11 12 14 12 12 20 0	0.9% 0.9% 1.1% 0.9% 1.0% 0.0%
Comprehension	18 19 20 21 22 22 23 24 24 25 27	196 57 39 687 137 82 80 65 176	12.7% 4.4% 3.0% 53.3% 10.0% 4.0% 6.2% 5.0% 12.7%	52 1,188 70 88 43 980 75 110	68.2%* 4.2% 88.2%* 5.4% 7.8% 2.3% 77.8%* 5.8%	96 89 81 295 50 140 75 976 170	4.3% 4.3% 4.3% 4.3% 10.9% 5.8% 76.7% 13.2%	225 1,079 76 311 983 1,043 125 190 617	17.5% 82.7%* 8.9% 34.1% 78.3%* 80.9%* 9.8% 11.6% 63.4%*	12 12 18 16 18 11 15 23	0.9% 0.9% 1.2% 1.2% 1.4% 0.9% 1.2% 1.8%	Reading	79 71 72 73 74 75 78	155 62 60 1,544 39 121 1,109	12.0% 4.8% 4.7% 81.0% 3.0% 9.4% 86.0%	991 33 1,167 112 37 1,038 66	76.9%* 2.8% 90.5%* 9.7% 2.9% 80.5%* 6.0%	143 1,184 62 133 1,211 128 113	11.1% 92.8% 4.8% 10.3% 93.9% 9.9% 8.8%			0000000	0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.2% 0.2% 0.2%
ľ	27 28 29 30 31 52 33	82 987 35 217 69 75 1,088	4.8% 37.2% 2.9% 16.8% 5.8% 5.8%	984 110 1,086 90 140 238 84	71.7%* 8.8% 84.3%* 7.2% 10.8% 18.5% 6.8%	116 82 53 698 1,032 190 44	8.2% 7.7% 4.7% 68.7% 14.7% 2.6%	170 65 110 80 42 780 54	12.2% 8.0% 8.5% 8.2% 1.3% 60.5% 4.2%	17 28 2 4 6 6	1.3% 1.9% 0.2% 0.3% 0.5% 0.5% 0.5%	Prior 990 1990 1990 1990 1990 1990 1990 1990	77 78 79 60 61 62	91 349 102 737 959 95	4.7% 27.1% 7.9% 87.2%* 74.4%* 2.7%	1,213 768 944 62 222 54	94.1%* 68.8%* 26.7% 4.8% 17.2% 2.6%	14 181 043 489 107 1,219	1.1% 14.0% 65.4%* 27.8% 8.3% 94.6%*	:	:	1 1 0 1 1 1 1	0.1% 0.1% 0.0% 0.1% 0.1%
Reading Strategy	04 36 36 57 38	26 1,125 1,144 35 175	2.2% 87.3%* 68.8%* 2.7% 13.8%	24 70 51 110 784	1.9% 6.4% 4.9% 8.5% 61.6%	1,236 82 90 1,143 318	95.9%* 7.7% 7.2% 98.7%* 24.7%	:		1 2 1 1 2	0.1% 0.2% 0.1% 0.1% 0.2%	e.	63 64 68 66 67 68 69	30 7 173 29 1,610 76 42	2.5% 0.5% 13.4% 2.2% 78.4% 5.8% 0.0%	28 18 88 61 175 109 1,128	2.0% 1.4% 6.7% 4.7% 12.6% 8.8% 87.5%	50 907 1,162 30 91 39	4.1% 1.8% T0.4%* 90.1%* 2.3% 7.1% 3.0%	1,179 1,243 122 36 73 1,011 80	91.9%* 98.4%* 8.8% 2.8% 5.7% 78.4%* 6.2%	1 1 1 3 0	0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.2% 0.0%
Prior Knowledge	384994B	1,250 374 47 88 37 665 120	97.2%* 28.2% 3.8% 5.3% 2.8% 67.1%* 8.3%	18 321 38 1,184 1,195 100 1,061	1.4% 28.8% 2.2% 91.8% 92.7% 8.0% 80.3%	30 643 1,213 36 96 319 81	1.8% 42.7%* 94.1%* 2.8% 4.3% 24.7% 7.7%	:		1 1 1 1 2 17	0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.2% 1.3%	Comprehensio	98 91 92 93 94 95 96 98	96 1,022 50 1,080 56 54 870 55	6.7% 79.3%* 4.5% 82.2%* 4.5% 4.2% 78.3%* 4.1%	28 72 56 62 1,077 65 68 55	2.2% 5.6% 4.3% 4.0% 83.6% 6.6% 6.3% 4.3%	1,087 84 1,058 75 82 37 133 45	94.3%* 6.5% 62.1%* 6.8% 6.4% 2.9% 10.3% 3.5%	86 104 115 96 99 1,113 114 1,130	6.7% 8.7% 8.9% 7.4% 4.8% 06.3%* 8.8% 87.7%*	2 7 2 9 13 0 4 6	12% 1.5% 1.2% 1.5% 1.0% 1.0% 1.0%
neion	46 T 46 46 50	50 33 23 661 47	3.9% 2.8% 1.8% 51.3%* 3.8%	1,046 21 30 61	91.1%* 1.8% 2.3% 4.0% 4.0%	51 1,221 180 264 1,134	4.0% 94.7%* 14.2% 20.8% 88.0%*	141 14 1,050 313 96	18.9% 1.1% 61.7%* 24.3% 4.3%	1 0 0	0.1% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0%		98 98 100 1018	130 65 49 290	10.1% 5.0% 3.0% 22.6%	1,019 913 73 241	79.1% 70.8% 5.7% 18.7%	67 146 1,078 282	5.2% 5.2% 11.3% 63.6% 21.8%	71 162 62 478	5.5% 5.5% 12.6% 6.4% 38.8%	2 3 7 0	12% 12% 12% 15% 15%
Comprehension	51 52 53 54 56 56	205 133 762 613 560 73	15.9% 10.3% 59.1%* 31.8% 43.4%* 5.7%	954 95 206 68 163 133	62.4% 7.4% 16.0% 6.3% 12.6% 10.3%	101 184 119 85 273 67	7.8% 14.3% 9.2% 6.8% 21.2% 5.2%	176 877 282 717 293 1,089	13.7% 68.0%* 15.7% 88.0%* 22.7% 78.3%*	2 0 0 0 0 7	0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.7% 0.0%	Reading Strategy	102 103 104 108 108	129 995 52 1,025 95	10.8% 70.2%* 4.0% 78.6%* 7.6%	1,057 71 61 68 975	82.0%* 5.5% 4.7% 7.6% 75.6%*	90 313 1,175 168 215	7.2% 24.3% 91.2%* 12.8% 16.7%			0 0 0	0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.1%

A death (-) indicates this response was not an option for this term. Sample questions are not included in this report (learns 1, 2, 8, 10, 8, 11), 8 and 12 are short answer learns. For these learns,  $X = Y \cup Y = Y$ 

<sup>†</sup> Number and percent of students who multiply-marked or omitted this item. "An asteriak (\*) indicates the correct response for this item.